

very minor technical amendment. It deals with an area in which when Senator Schmit, Senator Lynch and I and Senator Chizek tried to find some information out about child abuse cases and prosecutions, we found that law enforcement didn't have to report this information unless they pursued an investigation. And what we need to know is that information whether or not an investigation is pursued by law enforcement just to keep track of how many cases we have out there. This was a gap in the information we tried to seek so I'd ask for adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask Senator Wesely a question. I'm trying to find his amendment. Senator Wesely, what is the nature of this information that would actually be given?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, it would be child abuse and neglect allegations brought to law enforcement. Currently, you know, we have a two-tiered system. You can go to law enforcement or you can go directly to the Department of Social Services. The Department of Social Services lets us know every case that's brought in and then those that are pursued. In this instance we're talking about, law enforcement doesn't have to do that so this would include whether or not they actually pursue that. They would have to report at least getting the complaint.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, what I mean by what will the information itself consist of? Are you talking about the names of children and families?

SENATOR WESELY: No, no, no, no, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, and who would get the information? Who would have access to it?

SENATOR WESELY: I think that's...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Under the amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: The Department of Social Services would receive that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.